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SUBJECT: GSDR DISCIPLINES BER RELIEF CAMP

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1. RADIO MOGADISCIO REPORTED FEB. 19 (REFTEL) THAT GSDR FAMINE RELIEF COMMITTEE HAD DEMOTED SENIOR OFFICIALS AT BER RELIEF CAMP IN TOGDHEER REGION AS WELL AS OTHER DISTRICT FFUD REGIONAL PERSONNEL. RELIEF COMMITTEE ALSO ASKED FOR RECALL OF DEMOTED OFFICIALS.

2. BER CAMP IS ONE OF MOST HEAVILY POPULATED CAMPS -- APPROXIMATELY 24,000 IN EARLY FEBRUARY -- AND MORTALITY RATE AT CAMP HAS BEEN OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IN RECENT WEEKS TO GSDR AS

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WELL AS UNDP OFFICIALS. OVERCROWDING AT CAMPS WITH STRAIN ON

HYGENIC AND MEDICAL FACILITIES IS PRINCIPAL FACTOR IN MORTALITY
RATE AMONG WEAKEST SEGMENT OF CAMP POPULATION.

3. DROUGHT RELIEF COMMISSIONER AND DG INTERIOR ADVISED US
FEB. 17 THAT GSDR HAD BEGUN THAT DAY TO TRANSPORT 10,000
REFUGEES BY TRUCK FROM BER CAMP TO NEW CAMP BEING ESTABLISHED
NEAR BERBERA TO RELIEVE CONGESTION.

4. DECISION TO MOVE REFUGEES AND DISCIPLINARY MEASURES TAKEN
AGAINST OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR BER CAMP REFLECT CONTINUED
GSDR DETERMINATION TO PREVENT ANY DETERIORATION IN REFUGEE
SITUATION. DESPITE LAPSES AT BER, GSDR RECORD OF CAMP
ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO BE GOOD.

DECONTROL ON RECEIPT.
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